CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA
REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 15, 2005

CALL TO ORDER:
Mayor Lavagnino called the Regular Meeting of the City Council to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
Councilmembers Mariscal, Orach, Patino, Trujillo, and Mayor Lavagnino.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
There were none at this time.

CLOSED SESSION:
The City Council recessed to a Closed Session at 5:32 p.m. for:

(1) Conference with Legal Counsel regarding existing litigation pursuant to Subsection (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9 to discuss Santa Maria Valley Water Conservation District v. City of Santa Maria;

(2) Conference with Legal Counsel regarding existing litigation pursuant to Subsection (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9 to discuss Pierce v. Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG);

(3) Conference with Real Property Negotiator pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 for property located on the corner of Canyon Drive and Seward Drive, APNs 128-025-057, 128-025-058 and 128-025-059 – Agency Negotiator is the Director of Administrative Services and Negotiating Parties are the City of Santa Maria and David and Jennifer Daniels Revocable Trust dated 8-25-05, under negotiation is price; and

(4) Conference with Labor Negotiator pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 – Agency representative is the Assistant City Manager and Employee organization is the Santa Maria Police Officers Association.

After the Closed Session, City Attorney Trujillo announced the following:

Conference with Legal Counsel regarding Santa Maria Valley Water Conservation District v. City of Santa Maria – withdrawn from the Closed Session Agenda.

Conference with Legal Counsel regarding Pierce v. Santa Barbara County Association of Governments – Direction to staff.

Conference with Real Property Negotiator – Canyon Drive lots – Directed staff to accept the offer of $610,000 for the sale of the property.

Conference with Labor Negotiator – Direction to staff.

RECONVENE:
Mayor Lavagnino reconvened the regular City Council meeting at 6:30 p.m.

INVOCATION:
Patricia Muran of the Iglesia Luterana Santa Cruz Church gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:
Councilmember Mariscal led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT
Councilmembers Mariscal, Orach, Patino, Trujillo, and Mayor Lavagnino.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT
City Manager Ness, Assistant City Manager Haydon, City Attorney Trujillo, Police Chief Macagni, Director of Administrative Services Snodgrass, Director of Community Development Lindsey, Director of Recreation and Parks Posada, City Librarian Pinneli, Fire Chief Ortiz, Director of Public Works Karp, Director of Utilities Chisam, City Engineer Sweet, Planner III Shipsey, Planning Consultant Shoals, and Chief Deputy City Clerk Perez.

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH
Councilmember Orach presented a gift to Pat Baugher, the Recreation and Parks Volunteer of the Month for November 2005, for her time and effort spent ensuring that seniors of the community have successful programs, especially her dedication since 1997 to the bingo program at the Elwin Mussell Center.

PROCLAMATION – FAMILY WEEK
Councilmember Mariscal read a proclamation declaring the week of November 21 – 27, 2005, as "Family Week" in the City of Santa Maria and encouraging community members to pay tribute and recognize the important role every family member plays in making family life more complete through love and commitment to those values that strengthen the family. The proclamation was accepted by Tom Gulliver of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

RESOLUTION FOR GREGORY BALDWIN
Mayor Lavagnino read Resolution No. 2005-167 commending Police Corporal Gregory Baldwin for his outstanding service to the City of Santa Maria.

Resolution No. 2005-167 was adopted on motion by Councilmember Mariscal, seconded by Councilmember Patino, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Mariscal, Orach, Patino, Trujillo, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution No. 2005-167 adopted. A RESOLUTION COMMENDING SANTA MARIA POLICE CORPORAL GREGORY BALDWIN FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA.

Mayor Lavagnino presented the resolution to Corporal Baldwin.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Ernest Armenta thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and requested the meeting be run in an orderly manner.

Nicholas Andersen quoted several biblical passages.

CONSENT CALENDAR
Councilmember Patino requested Item 3G be pulled for comment.

Item 3G – A request by the Santa Maria Public Library to access criminal history information for volunteers that work with children at the Library.

Councilmember Patino indicated there were about 110 volunteers working at the Library. She wanted the citizens to know that the Council and the City take the safety of children very seriously, and this would be a way to keep the children safe.

Councilmember Orach announced that he would be voting no on Item 3E only.

Consent Calendar Items A through K were approved with the indicated action on motion by Councilmember Patino, seconded by Councilmember Mariscal, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Mariscal, Orach, Patino, Trujillo, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES: Councilmembers Orach, Patino (Item E only)
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

A. ORDINANCES
The reading in full of all ordinances and resolutions was waived. Ordinances on the Consent Calendar are adopted by the same vote cast at the first reading unless City Council indicates otherwise.

B. MINUTES
The Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of November 1, 2005, were approved as submitted.

C. WARRANTS
Warrant Nos. 123605 to 123831 in the amount of $899,888.43 were ordered ratified subject to having been certified as being in conformity with the budget and having been approved for payment by the Director of Administrative Services.

D. PAYROLL
Payment of payroll was ordered ratified subject to having been certified by the proper Department Heads as shown on records on file in the Administrative Services Department and having been approved for payment by the Director of Administrative Services.

E. ORDINANCE NO. 2005-14
City Council conducted the second reading of Ordinance No. 2005-14, a rezoning of 5.85 acres to PD/C-2 (Planned Development/General Commercial) for the College Square at Crossroads project located south of Betteravia Road and west of College Drive, and adopted the Ordinance.

Ordinance No. 2005-14 adopted. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE ENTRADA ESTE SPECIFIC PLAN, REZONING 5.85 ACRES OF PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE ENTRADA ESTE SPECIFIC PLAN AREA AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF BETTERAVIA ROAD AND COLLEGE DRIVE.

F. ABC LICENSE
A Notice from the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control of an application for an Alcoholic Beverage License in an existing warehouse for Gallo Wine Company located at 2031 N. Preisker Lane, Unit C was noted and filed.

G. ACCESS CRIMINAL HISTORY
Resolution No. 2005-168 was adopted authorizing the Santa Maria Public Library to access criminal history information for volunteers that work with children at the Library.

Resolution No. 2005-168 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE SANTA MARIA PUBLIC LIBRARY TO ACCESS CRIMINAL HISTORY INFORMATION ON VOLUNTEERS THAT WORK WITH CHILDREN AT THE LIBRARY.

H. TWO-WAY STOP
Resolution No. 2005-169 was adopted approving the establishment of a two-way stop at the intersection of El Camino Street and East Avenue stopping East Avenue northbound/southbound traffic at El Camino Street.

Resolution No. 2005-169 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A TWO-WAY STOP AT EL CAMINO STREET AND EAST AVENUE PURSUANT TO SECTION 7-5.20 OF THE SANTA MARIA MUNICIPAL CODE.

I. CROSSWALKS

Resolution No. 2005-170 was adopted approving the establishment of painted crosswalks at Fairlawn Elementary at the intersection of Alvin Avenue and Western Avenue; Tunnel Elementary at the intersection of Donovan Road and Bay Avenue and at the intersection of Alvin Avenue and Suey Road; and at David Sanchez Elementary at the intersection of Morrison Avenue and Railroad Avenue.

Resolution No. 2005-170 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING CROSSWALKS PURSUANT TO SECTION 21106 OF THE CALIFORNIA VEHICLE CODE.

J. INTENT TO ANNEX

Resolution No. 2005-171 was adopted expressing the Council's intent to annex six (6) parcels into the Northeast, South Miller/South College Drive, and Southwest Landscape and Lighting Districts.

Resolution No. 2005-171 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, INITIATING PROCEEDINGS AND DECLARING THE INTENTION TO ANNEX TERRITORY TO ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS PURSUANT TO THE "LANDSCAPE AND LIGHTING ACT OF 1972" (ADCOCK MIXED USE, WHITECAP STORAGE YARD, CENTENNIAL SQUARE, CROSSPOINT COMMUNITY CHURCH, ROBERT MANN PACKAGING, INC. AND PARKWAY MEDICAL CENTER CONDO).

K. RECYCLING MARKET DEVELOPMENT ZONE

Resolution No. 2005-172 was adopted approving a Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact and authorizing the City's participation in the submittal of an application to the California Integrated Waste Management Board to renew the designation of the Santa Barbara Regional Recycling Market Development Zone (SBRRMDZ).

Resolution No. 2005-172 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION PURSUANT TO STATE GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT, AND AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD TO RENEW THE DESIGNATION OF THE SANTA BARBARA REGIONAL RECYCLING MARKET DEVELOPMENT ZONE.

EARLY CONSULTATION FOR WAL-MART

Community Development Director Lindsey gave the staff report. The City has received an application to amend the land use and zoning designations for a 55-acre parcel located at the Northwest corner of Betteravia Road and the Santa Maria Valley Railroad right-of-way (SMVRR). Specifically, the applicant is requesting a General Plan amendment from LI (Light Industrial) to CC (Community Commercial) and a zone change from PD/M-1 (Planned Development/Light Manufacturing) to PD/C-2 (Planned Development/General Commercial). The applicant has also requested that the City consider an amendment to the text of the zoning ordinance to facilitate its project. If considered and approved, the text amendment would apply city-wide. The amendment would remove a limitation on the amount of space that a large retailer may devote to non-taxable items such as food and prescription drugs.

This project is being brought to the Council for an early consultation because it is potentially inconsistent with the General Plan and a controversial project. Past City Council policy directed staff to schedule an early Council review of potentially controversial projects involving requests for major policy changes. Since processing is time consuming and costly, the City offers applicants the chance to receive early review from the City Council. If it appears that the Council does not favor making the major policy changes requested, the applicant can save considerable time and money by modifying or withdrawing the project. Public Resources Code §21080(b)(5) supports this procedure in connection with environmental review of projects. The section states that the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) does not apply to "projects which a

public rejects or disapproves." The comment to the implementing section of the CEQA Guidelines, Section 15270(b) says "This section is intended to allow an initial screening of projects on the merits for quick disapproval prior to the initiation of the CEQA process where the agency can determine that the project cannot be approved." This early consultation procedure does not jeopardize the applicant's or any other interested party's right to get a fair hearing if the applicant decides to continue processing the project.

The City Council cannot approve any project at this meeting. The options are only to direct staff to continue processing the General Plan amendment and Zone Change applications and bring the Planning Commission recommendations to the Council for a public hearing; OR direct staff not to continue processing the request to amend text of the zoning ordinance, and advise the applicant that the Council does not support making the policy changes requested in the General Plan and zone change applications.

Mayor Lavagnino explained how the item would proceed and asked for courtesy and respect for each of the speakers. He announced that all letters, emails and telephone calls received prior to the meeting would be made a part of the record.

Chris Danos, real estate manager for Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., said they were asking for a General Plan Amendment and Zone Change because they believed more retail was needed due to the growth in Santa Maria in the last few years. They were also asking for an amendment to the ordinance restricting the floor area allowed for non-taxable sales. They felt state law provided enough restrictions to address the issue. He explained how the Wal-Mart Supercenter would differ from the existing store and indicated it would employ between 400 and 450 people compared to the 226 people at the current Wal-Mart. The Supercenter would provide an opportunity for some of the Wal-Mart employees to be promoted. He talked about the average wage of Wal-Mart employees and the benefit package offered to employees. He explained that when Wal-Mart moves out of an existing store into a new Supercenter, the vacant stores are sold to new retailers usually before the new store opened. He presented a PowerPoint slideshow of new Supercenters within California that had recently opened or were being constructed and indicated that they design and build the stores to the specifications of the community.

Mayor Lavagnino opened the public hearing.

The following individuals spoke in opposition to the General Plan Amendment and Zone Change or the Wal-Mart Supercenter:

Ron Faas
Chris Ivey
Dennis Apel
Yolanda Swoopes
Connie Harmon
Joe Pierre
Steven Arnold
Robert Cuthbert
Mary Dilger
Joan Leon
Juan Lemus
Cameron Miller
Cheryl Kingsley
Deborah Bracket
Laurie Evans
Richard Brown
Nancy Iarossi
Mary Hintz
Joe Gallo
Sara Lee Macdonald

Steve Gaines
George Adam
James Watson
Ernest Armenta
Edward Quinonez
Brooke Sheldon
Kathleen Cronin
John Squires, Sr.
Jeannie Barrett
Toru Miyoshi

The following individuals spoke in support of the General Plan Amendment and Zone Change or the Wal-Mart Supercenter:

Keith Mathias
Brian Savage
Russell Miller
Teri Gudmunds
Lucretia Collins
Bob Morrison

Hearing no further requests to testify, Mayor Lavagnino closed the public hearing.

Pat Palangi, Pacifica Commercial Realty, representing the applicant, indicated he had been involved in marketing the property in question over a span of ten years and three different property owners. During that period of time, the West Betteravia neighborhood had changed greatly. About 2,000 homes have been built or are proposed around this site. Since the first marketing of that site as light industrial, the immediately adjacent property to the east has been rezoned general commercial as well as the development of general commercial properties at Skyway and West Betteravia. Betteravia Road has become a major commercial corridor. This particular property has not been a significant component of the current industrial real estate market. Light industrial tenants for this property had not been found. If the highest and best use of this property was light industrial, there would be industrial uses on this property today.

Mayor Lavagnino stated he had lived in Santa Maria his entire life. This is a situation where there is a piece of property that is zoned light industrial and they want to put a 200,000 square foot Wal-Mart Supercenter on the property. In the past he had voted for residential buildings to be put on light industrial property with the idea that the City had adequate industrial property available, with this property being one of them and Area 9 being the other. Area 9 will be 900 acres of industrial; however, the City is already getting pressure to change 300 of those acres for residential. He said he would never support that as the City needs industrial property. He said he understood that if the City Council did not change the text amendment for the 8 percent non-taxable sales, this project would not move forward. There is also the rezoning of this property. Sales tax is important to the City of Santa Maria; but the City would only experience about 15 percent in increased sales tax with the rest being a redistribution of sales tax that is already generated. He said he would hate to see the Supercenter built and then see Spencer's Foods or Vons close. Then down the road Wal-Mart decides to leave the area. He said he did not want to see Wal-Mart cripple the City of Santa Maria. He said he would not support the applications going forward.

Councilmember Patino stated she wanted to thank everyone for coming to the meeting. She thanked staff for the concise report. She said they could talk about whether Wal-Mart was a good neighbor, whether they paid their employees a fair wage and provided good benefits, and what they donated to the community or their business model. The question of monopolizing the City's economy was important. There will be an impact to the community and on the business people. The businesses that have made Santa Maria the City it is need to be protected. The City needs to encourage those entrepreneurs to go into the downtown. The City wants the downtown to be revitalized. There is only so much land in the City, and the City could not afford to lose 55 acres of industrial zoned land. People put a lot of time and energy into developing the General

Plan. At the last meeting she voted against a zone change, and she would not support this zone change.

Councilmember Trujillo stated this was a difficult decision for him because he believed in being progressive. The General Plan has been in existence for a period of time, and it is a very good General Plan. He said he was concerned about the downtown and felt the City had to do more to help the downtown survive. Changing the zoning in this instance would not be a good thing to do. The other item that he was concerned about was the traffic. Betteravia Road has become a very busy route. He said in his opinion, it was in the best interest of the City to not approve this zone change and General Plan Amendment.

Councilmember Orach thanked everyone for coming. He responded briefly to some of the comments made from the public. This comes down to a land use issue because he put his heart and soul into the meetings for the Downtown Specific Plan and wanted everyone to support the mall. He said he wanted the downtown to survive, and invited everyone to come to the meetings regarding the Downtown Specific Plan and to shop at the mall.

Councilmember Mariscal thanked everyone for being at the meeting. The public should feel good about their participation in this process. He said he wasn't going to make a decision based on what would happen in the next 12 months or so. This was his community, where he lived and has raised his children. The decisions he makes are predicated on what he thinks the community needs and wants. He said the reason this discussion was taking place here and across the Country with Wal-Mart was because of people themselves. He mentioned a book by John Dicker entitled *United States of Wal-Mart.* He said in the book Mr. Dicker talks about the tremendous advances in retailing because of the way Wal-Mart handles its distribution system. There are 1.2 million employees employed by Wal-Mart. The ones he spoke to were pretty happy with their jobs. Wal-Mart seems to be concerned about their employees. He quoted from the book "the ugly truth is that we have become a nation that values little above a bargain. It is one thing for a woman in Manhattan to refuse to go into Starbucks to protest, it is quite another to ask millions of working class people to stop patronizing a store that stocks everything, everything on their shopping list at lower prices. The truth is Wal-Mart offers millions of Americans the cheap goods they crave while discretely hiding its unpleasant trade-offs behind its implacable yellow smiley face. The appeal unfortunately is irresistible." Wal-Mart is the biggest retailer in the world, and the largest generator of retail sales in America. He talked about Wal-Mart's stock. He said the thing he found amazing when he did his research was a substantial percentage of the information on the web against Wal-Mart was generated by unions. Yet employee organizations owned a significant amount of Wal-Mart stock. He said at this point in time the way he viewed Santa Maria and the way he saw the future of Santa Maria growing, didn't include a Wal-Mart Supercenter. He said he couldn't support a General Plan Amendment or Zone Change and was not in favor of changing the zoning ordinance.

On motion by Councilmember Mariscal, seconded by Councilmember Patino, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Mariscal, Orach, Patino, Trujillo, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

staff was directed to not continue processing an amendment to the text of the zoning ordinance and the applicant was advised that the Council would not support a General Plan Amendment and Zone Change.

THE ESTATES AT PACIFIC CREST

Community Development Director Lindsey gave the staff report. The request is for approval to amend the General Plan (Land Use) from 8.35 acres of MDR (Medium Density Residential) to 8.35 acres of HDR-16 (High Density Residential, 16 units per

acre) and change the zoning from PD/R-2 (Medium Density Residential) to PD/R-3 (Planned Development/High Density Residential – maximum 16 units per acre) for The Estates at Pacific Crest Project, located at the southwest corner of Battles Road and Depot Street. On October 19, 2005, on a 3-2 vote with Commissioners Brown and Waterfield voting against, the Planning Commission adopted Resolution No. 2389 recommending the City Council approve the requested General Plan (Land Use) Amendment and Zone Change.

Mayor Lavagnino opened the Public Hearing. Hearing no requests to speak, Mayor Lavagnino closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Mariscal stated the City keeps going down the path of changing high density zoning. This was supposed to be multi-family units where they were going to be building more and more units to put more people. What keeps happening is down-zoning high density property. He asked Mr. Shipsey to explain the proposal.

Planner III Shipsey explained that Lot 1 was comprised of 10 acres, but was constrained by 2.4 acres of a basin on the Battles Road side of the property.

Councilmember Mariscal said they lost 2.4 acres of developable land to a basin.

Resolution No. 2005-173 was adopted amending the General Plan (Land Use) from 8.35 acres of MDR (Medium Density Residential) to 8.35 acres of HDR-16 (High Density Residential, 16 units per acre) on motion by Councilmember Trujillo, seconded by Councilmember Orach, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Mariscal, Orach, Trujillo, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES: Councilmember Patino
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution No. 2005-173 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A GENERAL PLAN (LAND USE) AMENDMENT FOR THE ESTATES AT PACIFIC CREST LOT 7 LOCATED AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF BATTLES ROAD AND DEPOT STREET, GPZ-2005-004, E-2005-029 (8.35 ACRES), ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER 118-005-007.

Ordinance No. 2005-15, rezoning 8.35 acres from PD/R-2 (Medium Density Residential) to PD/R-3 (Planned Development/High Density Residential – maximum 16 units per acre) was introduced by title only for first reading and continued to the next meeting for second reading and adoption on motion by Councilmember Trujillo, seconded by Councilmember Orach, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Mariscal, Orach, Trujillo, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES: Councilmember Patino
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Ordinance No. 2005-15 introduced. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, REZONING 8.35 ACRES OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF BATTLES ROAD AND DEPOT STREET.

FIRST QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT

Director of Administrative Services Snodgrass gave the staff report. With 25 percent of the year complete, revenues are at 19.7 percent of projections while expenditures are at 24 percent of projections. Revenues are less than the budget and the prior year. Revenues received are $3.2 million less than the prior year, primarily as a result of a $1.6 million reduction in impacted soil revenues and tax revenue reductions of $1.5 million. Expenditures are $1.5 million less than the prior year. The reduction in expenditures is due primarily to the $3.4 million early retirement of the 1993 bonds in FY 04-05. The top five revenue sources account for about 68 percent of total General Fund

revenues. The top two revenues, sales tax and vehicle license fees (VLF), account for 48 percent and are directly tied to the economy. Sales tax and VLF revenues are less than the prior fiscal year primarily from the State's Triple Flip, the swap of sales tax and VLF for property tax. Bed tax revenues exceed projections. The Water/Wastewater Fund continues to have long-term commitments. It currently is in agreement with all of its rate restrictions and rate covenants. Additionally, staff is recommending approval of a budget amendment report.

Resolution No. 2005-174 was adopted approving personnel and operational changes to the 2005-06 fiscal year budget on motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Councilmember Trujillo, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Mariscal, Orach, Patino, Trujillo, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution No. 2005-174 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005-06 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO IMPLEMENT SAME.

REPORT BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Ness reported on items for the next regular City Council meeting on December 6, 2005, including a public hearing for Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act (TEFRA) of 1982 for California Shock Trauma Air Rescue; an ordinance related to commercial vehicles parking in residential areas; an appeal of a Recreation and Parks Commission decision related to removal of a tree; and the SMAT annual report.

ORAL REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Councilmember Trujillo reported that Mr. David Troesher was here and was trying to get the State of California to give disabled veterans license plates. This is a good thing for the State. A lot of these veterans are disabled and have served this country well. He suggested writing a letter in support.

Councilmember Orach stated Congresswoman Lois Capps announced that the Santa Maria Fire Department received an $87,000 federal grant to be used for training, equipment, and personal protective gear.

Mayor Lavagnino thanked everyone for being civil and showing a lot of class. He thanked the Council for their wisdom and commended staff for their involvement. It showed that Santa Maria is a City that can get along together.

Councilmember Patino reported on the program at the Veteran's Hall in celebration of Veteran's Day. She recognized all the veterans who have served this country.

Councilmember Mariscal reported on the dedication of Rimes Court dedicated in honor of Gary Wesley Rimes who was killed in Iraq. He talked about a program in the City of Glendora where they hang banners along their main thoroughfare with the names of currently serving military personnel who are overseas in Iraq or Afghanistan. He said he asked Mr. Hatch from the Chamber of Commerce to look into it. He also talked about a policy the Fire Department had for recognizing fallen firefighters anywhere in California by flying the flag at half-staff for five days. He felt that was a policy that should be continued. He commended the Santa Maria Philharmonic Society who had a free concert for students, *Peter and the Wolf*. It is something they do annually. Many of the local service clubs helped sponsor that. He also gave personal thanks to Yoshi, a personal friend and sushi chef at Hama Sato. He said that he and his wife donated a dinner for eight at their home for the IFOPA auction. They held it on Sunday and it was very fun. Much of the food was donated.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council at this time, the meeting was declared adjourned at 9:52 p.m. by order of Mayor Lavagnino.

APPROVED

December 6, 2005
Date

Chief Deputy City Clerk of the City of Santa Maria and ex officio ~~Clerk of~~ the City Council

ATTEST:

Chief Deputy City Clerk

Mayor of the City of Santa Maria